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Annual Audubon Meeting April 14

Hurry, before it's too late!! Register now for St. Louis Audubon Society's Annual Membership Meeting at Powder Valley Nature Center on **Sunday, April 14, 2002**. This year, two great reasons to attend-a buffet lunch catered by Hendri's and our speaker is Roger Still, Executive Director of Audubon Missouri.

Schedule of events:

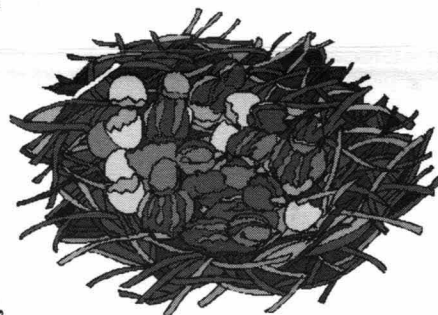
11:00 a.m.-the day begins with informal bird and nature walks led by SLAS members and nature center staff.

1:00 p.m.-Hendri's will serve a lunch buffet, including drinks and dessert.

2:30 p.m.-We will have a short business meeting, including the election of the Board.

3:00 p.m.-Join us in the auditorium for a talk with Roger Still, recently appointed Executive Director of Audubon Missouri. Roger arrives after several successful years as director of The Nature Conservancy's Missouri Chapter. Learn about his vision for the future of Audubon in Missouri and have an opportunity to ask questions.

The day is open to all, but only current SLAS members will be allowed to vote in the Board election. The cost is \$13 per person. The registration form is on page 5.



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Bird Box Monitoring at Two Rivers NWR

April 20

Calling all "citizen scientists." Join us on Saturday, April 20 as we kick-off our Prothonotary Warbler nestbox monitoring program at the Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge outside Grafton, Illinois. We will be training anyone interested in helping to monitor the dozen boxes we installed around the Gilbert Lake area last fall. Please help us assist this very beautiful migratory songbird whose numbers are dramatically declining. No experience necessary and the amount of time you commit to monitoring throughout the breeding season will be totally up to you.

We will work from about 9a to 12p, with lunch afterward in Grafton. Bring boots and drinking water-we will provide the training materials. Call Mitch Leachman at (314) 739-5112 for more info and to sign up.

Volunteers need to help compile data on migratory bird fatalities in downtown St. Louis. Please contact Lynne Breakstone at 314-726-4772 to volunteer.

Join us for the next newsletter mailing party! April 26nd at 7:30 p.m.

Call or write the editor for time and place.

Member Profiles

This month continues our series of profiles of St Louis Audubon members.

Jim Malone was elected to the board April 1996.

How would you describe your educational background?

I have a Bachelor's in Physiology, a Master's in Biological Science, and several years of post-graduate study in advanced human anatomy and physiology from Southern Illinois University.

How would you describe your current occupation?

I am a research biologist at Pharmacia Corporation in Chesterfield, presently studying proteins of normal and diseased individuals in an attempt to develop new treatments for arthritis and arteriosclerosis.

What is your current function/role with SLAS?

I am Chair of the Field Trip Committee, website manager, and member of the Board of Directors.

What is your #1 conservation concern at any level, from local to global?

Habitat preservation-especially wetlands. Although much effort has been put into developing "new" wetlands, these man-made constructs do not come close to supporting the wildlife diversity found in similar, native areas. We need to find more and better ways to help people understand the critical importance of natural wetland preservation.

In what ways can NAS or SLAS address this concern?

The combination of education about, and active preservation of, wetlands is imperative! Both organizations can work with local groups (like state and county parks and local governments) to develop ways of protecting and preserving natural wetlands.

What is your long-term vision/goals for SLAS?

I would love to see us work hand-in-hand with local and regional conservation organizations identifying areas we can protect and preserve and developing an active wetlands education center where we can show people the value of preserving these natural areas.

Ladue Middle School Goes to State in Bird Identification

Congratulations to member/teacher Jean Siesener on taking her Ladue Middle School Science Olympiad group to state in the 2002 Bird Identification category. She has worked hard with her students preparing them in an event where they only missed 2 out of 50 questions in identifying birds, their habitat and nests.

Science Olympiad is a Junior and Senior High international competition that started in Michigan in 1985 and quickly spread throughout the United States and Canada. There are three categories of competition: 1) Building (as in bridges or towers) 2) Process (as in life science or water) and 3) Identification (as with rocks or birds). There are 23 events in total, however the school can take only 15 students in teams of two to four each.

When Jean was approached by her district to sponsor a group she gravitated to the newest event, "Bird ID," because she said she wanted to expand her knowledge base and what better way then with the kids. However, she realized she needed help and contacted the Education Committee of St. Louis Audubon Society (SLAS). We donated bird books for the students to cut up into note cards, prepared slide carousels weekly for the students to review species and took the SLAS bird nest and egg collection to help prepare for the next phase of competition.

We in the Education Committee want to say "hats off" to Jean and all of the enthusiastic teachers like her for all they do to help educate "our future." State competition is in April and we wish her luck.

Come Join the Fun !!!
Audubon Society of Missouri Spring Meeting
April 26 - 28, 2002 Columbia, Missouri

The Columbia Audubon Society and the Audubon Society of Missouri are pleased to invite all birding enthusiasts to participate in the ASM 2002 Spring Meeting.

Weekend highlights include:

- Friday evening box supper and falconry demonstration at Eagle Bluffs CA.
- Unique field trips to local birding hotspots all day Saturday and Sunday morning. Trip destinations include:
Boonslick State Park, Franklin Island CA, Diana Bend CA

Prairie Garden Trust	Rock Bridge Memorial State Park
Grindstone Nature Area	Bear Creek Trail
Eagle Bluffs CA	Wildhaven Nature Area
Bradford and South Farms	Big Muddy Natl Wildlife Refuge-Overton Bottoms
Anheuser Busch Natural Resources Building	Raptor Rehab Center

For details of individual field trips, visit www.mobirds.org

- Saturday evening banquet featuring Dr. George Fenwick, Executive Director of American Bird Conservancy
- Saturday social hour featuring a "meet Missouri authors" book signing session, displays and silent auction.
- Hummingbird banding demonstration on Saturday and a mist netting and banding demonstration on Sunday.

Lodging info: The meeting location and starting point for all field trips will be the Quality Inn on the northeast corner of I-70 and Providence Rd interchange (exit #126). The special ASM rate is \$49 for a single or double room and includes a hot breakfast buffet starting at 6 a.m. Rate is available only by calling 573-449-2491 and mention ASM. The block of rooms will be held until April, 11, 2002.

----- Registration Form (must register in advance for all field trips)----- Make checks payable to
Columbia Audubon Society and mail, along with registration form, to: Joyce Bathke, CAS, 813 Cornell, Columbia, MO 65203.
No refunds after April 19, 2002.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Registration Fee:

(includes field trips & Saturday banquet) \$35.00 X _____ = _____

Friday Box Supper & Eagle Bluffs trip: \$7.00 X _____ = _____

(circle sandwich preference: ham or turkey or veggie sandwich)

Total Enclosed

Field trip choices: Indicate your 1st and 2nd choices for each day by placing a 1 or 2 next to the trip. Every effort will be made to accommodate your choices.

___ All day - Boonslick State Park (6:30am)

___ All day - Prairie Garden Trust (6:30am)

Morning:

___ Rock Bridge Memorial SP

___ Grindstone Nature Area

___ Bear Creek Trail

___ Natural Resources Bldg.(9:30am)

Afternoon:

___ Wildhaven (hummingbird banding)

___ Bradford and South Farms

___ Eagle Bluffs CA

___ Raptor Rehab Center

Sunday Trip Choices:

___ Rock Bridge Memorial SP

___ Eagle Bluffs CA

___ Grindstone Nature Area

___ Big Muddy/Overton Bottoms

___ Bear Creek Trail (bird banding)

Budget Safari to Kenya:

June 13-23, '02

Join our 6th St. Louis Audubon Safari to East Africa. This classic safari will visit a wide range of habitats and see massive herds of mammals. Over 50 species are found, including elephants, rhino, lion, leopard, and cape buffalo up close and personal! On each trip we also manage to find up to 320 species of birds, and experience the unique cultures of the Samburu, Kikuyu and Maasai people. Each day offers hundreds of stunning opportunities for unequaled photographs to record your once and a lifetime adventure.

Our budget safari costs \$3295 per person with double occupancy which includes round trip air fare via Northwest/KLM from New York through Amsterdam directly to Nairobi, Kenya. Notice the timing of this trip is great for teachers and families with teenagers. It is the price and timing of this safari that continues to make it so very popular.

We have fine tuned this safari for the maximum enjoyment of viewing wildlife at a relaxed pace. We stay a minimum of two nights in each national park lodge, which permits at least four game drives in each park at a relaxed pace with midday free time to enjoy the lively lodges and swimming pools, or to explore their elegant gardens for birders. Our safari starts and ends at Safari Park Hotel, located with 200 acres of lush gardens and pools about six miles from downtown Nairobi. On our first day, we travel north making several birding stops in different habitats, have lunch at the famous Mt. Kenyan Safari Club and then go birding in these higher altitude forests. Our drive continues to the Samburu Game Reserve which has a sizable river passing through 40 miles of dry brush land with many birds and animals found nowhere else in Kenya.

We also spend two days at Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for massive flocks of flamingos and numerous shorebirds and water birds. This lake is surrounded with lush forests which hosts many species of birds, both species of rhino, leopards and the rare Rothschild Giraffe. Finally, we enjoy three nights in the huge grasslands of the Maasai Mara/ Northern Serengeti which is famous for enormous herds of wildebeest, zebra, lions birds of prey and unforgettable sunsets.

Call Paul Bauer at 314-921-3972 to obtain a detailed daily itinerary by mail.

TRACY MEMORIAL DEDICATION UPDATE

MAY 12, 2002

ST. LOUIS ZOO BIRD GARDEN

Friends and family of Mr. Robert Tracy will gather on Sunday, May 12, 2002, 2:00 p.m., at the St. Louis Zoo Bird Garden to remember Mr. Tracy and dedicate a memorial in his name. Memorial contributions were received by the Saint Louis Audubon Society from many persons familiar with Mr. Tracy. It was determined by the Audubon Board that a matching gift would be made in order to erect a memorial that would both inform and educate the general public concerning the number and needs of the many International Migratory Birds that visit and frequently spend the spring and summer in the greater St. Louis area. The placement and design of the memorial was made with the assistance and advocacy of the Saint Louis Zoo as a partner.

The date of May 12 is significant in that this day will be celebrated in North, South, and Central America as "International Migratory Bird Day." In further recognition of this day, the Saint Louis Audubon Society beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the 12th will sponsor a bird walk. All persons are invited to accompany experienced "birders" from the Saint Louis Audubon Society on a walk through Forest Park's Kennedy Woods, to glimpse some of these migratory birds who will have arrived in our area by that time. Members of the Saint Louis Audubon Society will be happy to assist those persons less experienced. Plan to arrive before 8:00 a.m. and assemble in the area in back of the St. Louis Art Museum. Bring binoculars, if you have them, and your favorite bird identification book.

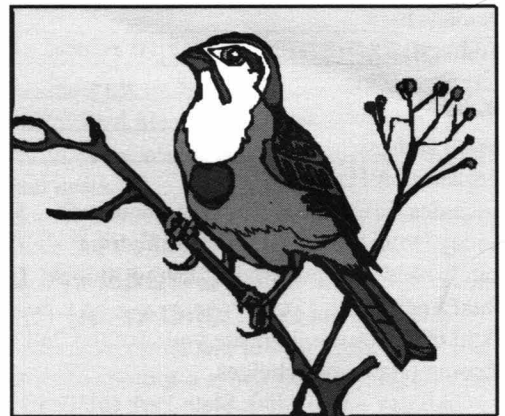
Attendees at the dedication are encouraged to dress casually and enjoy both before and after activities at the Zoo. When you arrive at the Zoo, and if you need directions, pause at the "Living World Building" and ask for directions at the information table to the Bird Garden dedication site.

A special International Migratory Bird poster will be made available to those who attend, and refreshments will be served following the dedication so that we may visit and become better acquainted with one another.

Mary Lou Miller

314-389-3969 Home

314-553-1429 Business



Conservation Report --

Volunteers Needed: Help Obtain Data on Lighted Buildings and Bird Fatalities

Sue Gustafson

Not interested in writing letters to legislators? Tired of being asked for financial contributions to conservation organizations? Well, here's an alternative way to assist in bird conservation by volunteering a small amount of your time! We'd like to continue the momentum begun several years ago when a group of St. Louis Audubon members joined forces with volunteers from the Webster Groves Nature Study Society's Conservation Committee to search the bases of downtown highrise buildings during spring migration to look for evidence of bird fatalities. As you are probably aware, lighted buildings pose a risk to night-flying migratory birds, particularly on nights of low cloud cover. Birds that use the stars for navigation will fly towards other lights when the stars are obscured by clouds, and impact into lighted buildings and towers can be fatal to birds. This is a common problem in cities with tall buildings located on major migratory pathways. Cities such as Toronto, New York City, and Chicago are working with building owners in a "lights out" program during peak migration periods.

In order to discuss this problem with building owners in St. Louis, we'd like to continue to compile data on the situation in St. Louis. **We're in need of people to volunteer their time for one or two (or more if possible!) mornings in the first two weeks of May around 5:30 a.m. to assist in this data-gathering endeavor.** Lynne Breakstone will be coordinating the dates and logistics with participants. Please call Lynne at 314-726-4772 to volunteer.

And one more volunteer opportunity: Put your birding skills to good use by assisting in local breeding bird surveys or general bird species inventories on public and private lands. We'd like to compile a list of birders who are interested in assisting with such projects. If you're not already involved and would like to be added to the list, contact Jim Ziebol at 314-963-7750. Warning -- you may find yourself in a situation I was in recently: I had to tell a (witty) non-birding friend that I couldn't attend an event with her, as I had to do a bird survey. She replied, "What kinds of questions do you ask them?"

Annual Audubon Meeting Registration Form

Please mail this form or a copy with payment by check to:
Mitch Leachman, 11340 Gardenview Ln, #1, St. Ann, MO 63074
Make check payable to St. Louis Audubon Society.

NAME _____ \$13.00 x _____ = _____

Enjoy Life! Go Birding !!

Don't Look Now But it's Spring

Jim Malone

Extended mild temperatures and a lack of precipitation have taken their toll on birding in the St. Louis area this winter, but we have still had fun on our birding trips. At the beginning of February, 27 of us visited Riverlands for the best of the season. We had a good selection of ducks (although small numbers of each) including Black Ducks, Green-winged Teal, Pintails, Shovelers, Canvasbacks, a couple of Merganser species and Rudy Ducks. A few wintering Bald Eagles made an appearance, as did Red-tailed and Sharp-shinned Hawks. The remainder of the day was limited to woodpeckers, robins, a couple of sparrow species, but the company was perfect. As we move into spring the bird varieties will increase. Come and join us to see the spectacle of migration.

April 7 (Sunday) Busch C.A., 6:00 PM. Our annual Woodcock Walk and Owl Prowl will be this evening at Busch. This is a very special event for us. Each year we attempt to locate American Woodcocks as they "Peent" into the evening and fly about in amazing displays to impress the lady Woodcocks. To get to this event take highway 40 West from St. Louis across the Missouri River. Turn left at highway 94 (toward Defiance) and follow it to the stoplight at high way D. Turn right at D and go a couple of miles to the entrance to Busch C.A. After turning right into Busch, go through the gate and turn left at the T. We will meet in the Ayden Knight Hampton Lake parking lot.

April 28 (Sunday) Southern Illinois Levee Tour 7:30 AM. This trip will be our first Southern Illinois Spring Levee trip. We will go South along the Levees of the Mississippi River through Monroe county visiting places like Kidd Lake, Moredock Lake, Fults Hill, Fort De Chartres, and Fort Kaskaskia. We will be searching for shorebirds, waders, migrating passerines and possibly Mississippi Kites. This will be an all day event so be sure to bring a lunch and something to drink. To get to our starting point, travel east from South St. Louis on I - 255 across the Jefferson Barracks Bridge. Travel south on highway 3 and exit right after a short distance on Palmer Road. Follow Palmer Road to a Red Roofed convenience store on the right side of the road. We will meet there. Come and join us!

May 5 (Sunday) Tower Grove Park 7:30 AM. This is the first of our special International Migratory Bird Week (IMBW) walks. Last year, our visit to Tower Grove at this time was nothing short of amazing birding! Warblers were absolutely everywhere, as were vireos, sparrow varieties, Black-billed Cuckoos, Tanagers, Orioles, Thrushes, and just about any migrating passerine you could imagine. This date is very close to the peak of spring migration in St. Louis and always leaves the birders satisfied. To join us, Take Highway 40 (I-64) or I-44 to Kingshighway and turn south. At Magnolia, turn left and drive along the north border of the park. Turn right at the stop light and enter the park. Turn right at the first road and follow it to the northwest corner of the park. We will meet at the Gaddy bird garden and bird the park from there. This proves to be a great outing. Look for additional IMBW outings in next month's Tale Feathers and on our website at www.stlouisaudubon.org.

Land at Orton Road for Sale Audubon seeks pledges for Acquisition

John Solodar

If you have birded Riverlands at all, you are probably aware that the lighting conditions at Heron Pond are often very difficult when the sun is in the sky from the south. You are also aware that the other end of Heron Pond looks very inviting at these times, but going down Orton Road to get there can be full of adventure. One is faced with traversing a public road which is privately maintained. Further, the land on the right side of the road is privately owned and you have the knowledge that the owner's son has been much less than welcoming to birders at times, even when birders attempt to stay on Army Corps land on the left side of the road.

All this may soon change. St. Louis Audubon Society has been approached about buying the land on the right side at the end of Orton Rd. Ownership of this land might give us the opportunity to establish a bird observation blind on the top of the mound that occupies a good portion of the land. Further, it would prevent the land from falling into the hands of a shooting club or home-builder whose activities would disrupt the refuge and waterfowl resting aspects of Heron Pond. It would certainly give us unimpeded access to the area. Some members of the SLAS Board of Directors have initiated discussions with the Army Corps and MDC about participating with us in acquiring this parcel of land. The Corps initially turned down buying the land on its own, but may be willing to get involved if we can show strong local interest.

As farm land goes, the owner's price, \$11,250 for about one acre, is very high. However, he envisions the land as a home site because the mound was the site of a trailer home before the current owner bought it. If the land went for the normal agricultural price of \$2,000 - \$3000 per acre we might still have to spend a few thousand dollars to put an observation mound in place.

The SLAS board has indicated an interest in acquiring this land, but not if SLAS has to put up all the money itself. Thus, we are asking birders who are willing to help us to indicate this fact by pledging money which would be used to purchase the land. If you can help, please inform John Solodar of how much you would be willing to contribute. You can contact John by phone (314-862-5294), e-mail (solodar1@mindspring.com) or regular mail (8135 Cornell Ct. St. Louis, MO 63130).

DONATION

The Board of Directors of St. Louis Audubon wishes to thank the Employees of Quest Diagnostics Client Services Department for their donation in the memory of Harry J. Nettler, father of Mary Dueren.

Audubon Camp Scholarships

The St. Louis Audubon Society is once again pleased to offer scholarships to the Audubon Ecology camps in Maine, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The scholarships cover the cost of the 6 to 7 day camp session fee and include up to \$200.00 towards the cost of transportation.

Educators are especially encouraged to apply. Camp scholarship information is typically sent to the science coordinators of the St. Louis area school districts in January. Interested applicants unable to obtain this information from their science coordinators should contact:

Julie Leemann
1004 Sanders Dr.
Crestwood, MO
(314) 962-2093

Camp details are also available on the following websites:

Maine	www.maineaudubon.org
Minnesota	www.audubon-center.org
Wisconsin	www.audubon.org/local/sanctuary/hunthill

Persons interested in having a great vacation and attending camp on their own should call 1-866-428-3826. Experiencing an Audubon camp is truly a wonderful and enriching experience. They are well kept secrets and attendance is often lower than one would expect for the high quality programs offered at very reasonable costs.

Successful State Office Meeting Held in Snow!

Mary Dueren

Despite heavy snow and treacherous highways, 50 people made it to Columbia, Missouri for the second annual meeting on March 2. Our chapter was well represented with five members: Sue Gustafson, Pat McCormick, Mitch Leachman, Dency Kahn and Mary Dueren.

Tamra Chotzen, National Audubon Society VP for Education was the keynote speaker. Her presentation focused on the goal of NAS to establish centers in all 50 states. The goal is 1000 centers by 2020.

The goal of this meeting was to gather information from members and chapters for Strategic Planning for the state office: Audubon Missouri. The breakout sessions gleaned a great deal of information for our state office.

The last speaker was 14 year-old Adam Nesbitt from Rolla, Missouri who is an up and coming wildlife artist. He has already won Junior Duck Stamp awards. To say the least, his work is phenomenal.

Everyone in attendance concluded this was a successful meeting despite the inclement weather.

Ozark Ecology Field Course Offered in May

A nine-day, eight-night field trip course titled Field Experience in Ozark Ecology (BIO:149) will be offered from May 18 through May 26 at St. Louis Community at Meramec. Ozark upland and bottomland forest, glade, savanna, shut-in, cave, spring and stream natural communities will be visited. Two days of canoeing are among the highlights of the course-one day on the Current River in Missouri and the other day on the Buffalo River in Arkansas. The cost of the course is \$310, which includes two credit hours of tuition, lodging, transportation, canoe rental and half of the meals. Preference will be given to people who have taken ecology, botany or zoology courses or those who have an outdoor background. For more information, call the instructor, Dave Tylka, at 314/984-7712.

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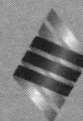
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MAY 5 – 12, 2002

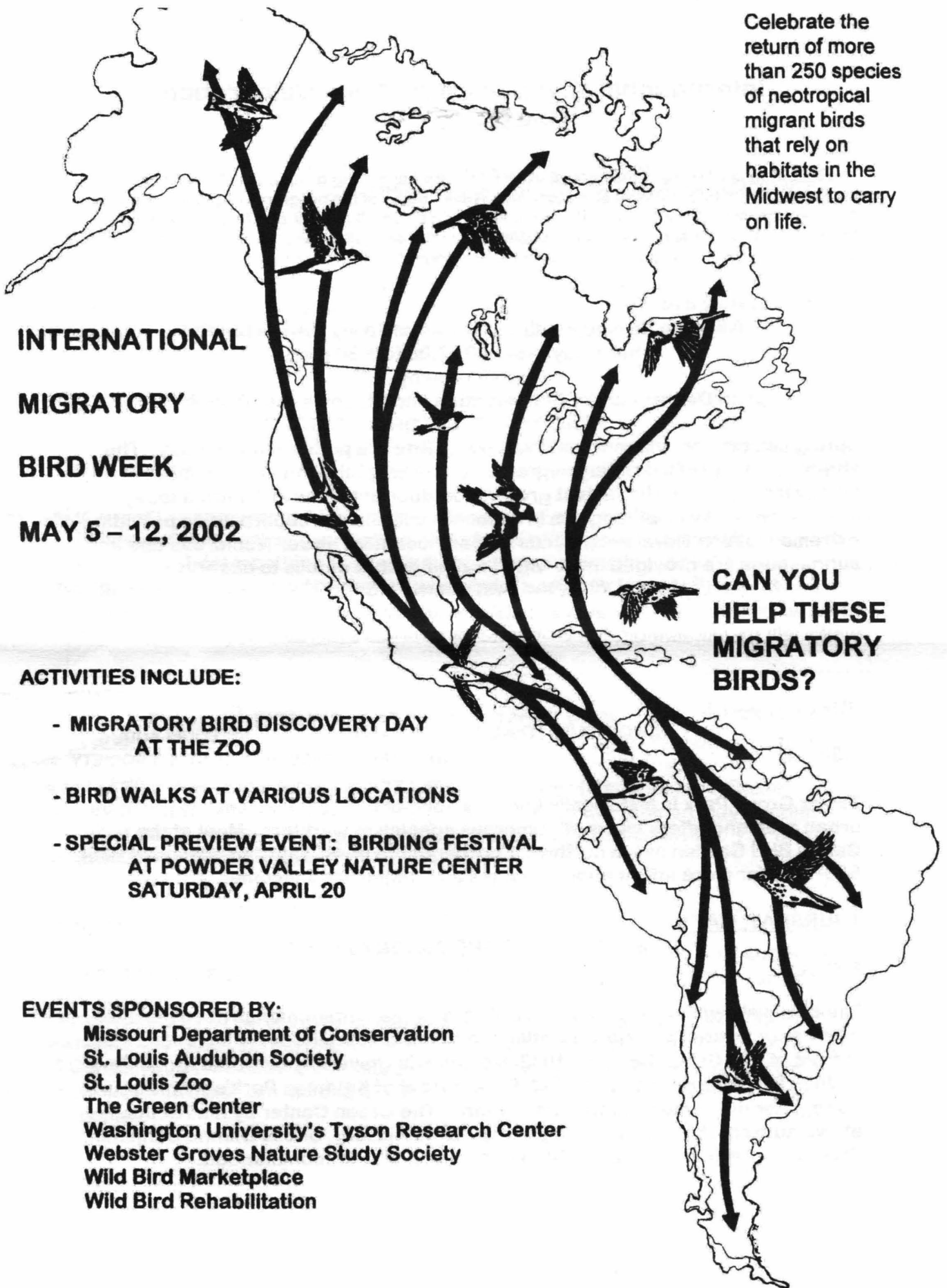
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- MIGRATORY BIRD DISCOVERY DAY
AT THE ZOO
- BIRD WALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- SPECIAL PREVIEW EVENT: BIRDING FESTIVAL
AT POWDER VALLEY NATURE CENTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 20

EVENTS SPONSORED BY:

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MIGRATORY
BIRDS?**



International Migratory Bird Week Celebration May 5 – 12, 2002

The following is a listing of the special events that are happening around the St. Louis area in conjunction with International Migratory Bird Week. Some of the programs require reservations. All programs are free of charge. Bring binoculars to bird walks, wear comfortable walking shoes, and dress for spring weather conditions. Walks are geared at all experience levels, and beginning birders are especially encouraged to attend.

Special Preview Event:

A Spring Birding Festival at Powder Valley Nature Center

Saturday, April 20 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by

Missouri Department of Conservation and St. Louis Audubon Society

Spring has arrived and more migrant songbirds are pouring in each day. The stunning beauty of these tiny migrants can be breathtaking and has made birdwatching one of the fastest growing outdoor activities in America today. Join us for this special program in which we will share a superb video providing extreme closeup views and sounds of many beautiful birds. Numerous tips and suggestions are provided in the video defining what details to observe when starting to identify birds. Also, the best nearby locations to find these migrant birds will be discussed. Several handouts will be available, and upcoming bird walks will be announced.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

BIRDING IN TOWER GROVE PARK

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON

7:30 A.M.

WEBSTER GROVES NATURE STUDY SOCIETY

Tower Grove Park is historically known as one of the best migrant "traps" in the urban area and offers views of numerous species of warblers. Meet at the Gaddy Bird Garden at the northwest corner of the park. Call Jim Malone at 636-536-1119 for more information. All ages and beginners welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

BIRD WALK AT THE GREEN CENTER

8:30 A.M.

THE GREEN CENTER

The bird walk will explore The Green Center's learning/demonstration gardens, a half-acre prairie, a restored wetland, and the 26-acre Ruth Park Woods. Meet in front of The Green Center's 1932-era home in University City's Kaufman Park at 8025 Blackberry Avenue 63130. Park in front of Kaufman Park's tennis courts. To register or for more information contact The Green Center by mail at the above address, by e-mail at info@thegreencenter.org, or call Dianne Benjamin, Program Director, 314-725-8314. Ages 10 and older recommended.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

BIRD WALK AT TYSON RESEARCH CENTER

8:30 A.M.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S TYSON RESEARCH CENTER

Come explore the meadows and oak-hickory woodlands of this hilly karst-dominated landscape in southwest St. Louis County. A series of springs and constructed ponds provide aquatic habitats. Meet at the gatehouse entrance located at the northwest corner of the Beaumont-Antire exit off of I-44. For more information, contact Dave Larson, Field Station Manager, at 314-935-8433.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

MIGRATORY BIRD DISCOVERY DAY

ST. LOUIS ZOO

ZOO'S LIVING WORLD CENTER

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON

11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

WILD BIRD REHABILITATION

Do you want to know more about wild birds, birding, and bird awareness? Activities and demonstrations feature bird identification, birds' adaptation to their habitats, best locations to see birds, feeding and housing for wild birds, proper care for injured and orphaned wild birds, a chance to meet live birds from the zoo, and bird activities for kids. No reservations required; stop by anytime. For more details, call Vicki Flier at 314-968-9166.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

BIRD WALK AT TOWER GROVE PARK

7:30 A.M.

WILD BIRD MARKETPLACE

Meet at Wild Bird Marketplace at 477 Lafayette Center (Manchester & Baxter Roads) to caravan to Tower Grove Park. If you missed the walk on May 5, come see what migrants are currently arriving in this prime migrant habitat. For more information contact the store at 636-394-2239.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

BIRDING AT KENNEDY WOODS

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON

8:00 A.M.

WEBSTER GROVES NATURE STUDY SOCIETY

Kennedy Woods in Forest Park is one of the best places in the area to observe warblers and other spring migrants. Trails provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation make this area more accessible to groups. Help provided for beginners. Contact Jim Malone at 636-636-1119 for more information. All ages welcome.



SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

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